# Wyoming

### A. STATE-AT-A-GLANCE

1)	Program Operation	State Administered; 9 judicial districts
2)	Number of Local Offices (excluding Agencies under Cooperative Agreements)	None
3)	Type of Agencies with Cooperative Agreements	23 Clerks of District Court for payment processing; 3 joint powers boards; and 1 county. Two privatization contracts providing services to 5 judicial districts.
4)	Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	Yes
5)	Agreements With Tribal Entities	Full faith & credit
6)	Age of Majority for Termination of Support	18 with provisions for secondary education up to age 20 and disabled children for life of child
7)	Statutes of Limitation:	
	• Collection of Past Due Support	None at present time. Issue on appeal
	• Paternity Establishment	Up to age 21 if the action is brought by the state
	• Dormancy Revival/Renewal Possible [yes/no]	Yes
8)	Guidelines	Based on income of both parents
9)	Interest Rates on	
	• Missed Payments	10% Penalty per payment
	• Retroactive Support	Only if included in a judgment @10% per annum
	• Adjudicated Arrearage	Only if included in a judgement @ 10% per annum
10)	Arrearage Collections for Non- minor Child(ren)	Yes, where the former legal custodian of a child applied for IV-D services and as determined by the statute of limitation on appeal
11)	Distribution Scheme	
	AFDC Arrears	First to State's arrears; then to CP child support arrears; then to State's costs; then to CP costs
	Non-AFDC Arrears	То СР

12)	Procedures Regarding Medical Support Using Income Withholding	Cost of premium added to amount of child support and withheld on income withholding
13)	New Hire Reporting	No
14)	Recovery of Costs Elected Under State Plan	Yes
15)	Recovery of Costs for Initiating State	Yes, with appropriate documentation.
16)	Long-Arm Statute/s Citation/s	W.S. 20-4-142
17)	Automated Locate Resources	State's child support enforcement system; State's economic assistance system; Department of motor Vehicles; Drivers License; State Employment Security - these resources are automatically searched upon receipt of a CSENET quick locate transaction. FPLS and credit bureau are used for Wyoming cases only.
18)	<b>Enforcement Options</b>	
	• State Income Tax Refund Intercept	No state income tax.
	• License Revocation/ Suspension	No
	Administrative Liens	No
	• Property Seizure & Sale	Yes
	• State Funds/Benefits (please specify)	Unemployment & Workers Comp
	• Other (please specify)	Bank accounts, creditor's claim against estate, lien on legal settlement/award
19)	<b>Spousal Maintenance Orders</b> (specify yes or no)	Yes
	• Establish	Yes, but only under Uifsa
	• Enforce	Yes
	• Modify	Yes, but only when modification of child support is appropriate under Uifsa
20)	Current Spouse/Partner Information Required	No

### **B. UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT**

1)	State Code Citation	W.S. 20-4-139 et seq.
2)	Effective Date	July 1, 1995
3)	Adopted Verbatim? If no, list differences.	Yes with minor changes pertaining to mandatory or discretionary language
4)	Repeal URESA?	Yes
5)	Repeal IWW?	No

### C. INCOME WITHHOLDING

1)	Income Withholding Terminology	Orders to withhold; Immediate Income Withholding; Notice to Payor
2)	Income Withholding Procedures	Yes
	• State Withholding Limits	Up to 65% of disposable income with a 35% floor
	• Fee Charged by Employers	Up to \$5.00 per paycheck
	Date to Remit	10 working days from date withheld
	• Penalty	Liability for the lesser of the total debt or the total amount that should have been withheld
3)	Definition of Employer	Means any person who owes income to an obligor including but nor limited to the United States government, the State of Wyoming and any unit of local government and any school district.
4)	Included Income	Any form of periodic payment or return in money or in kind to an individual regardless of source. Income includes but is not limited to wages, earnings, salary, commission, compensation as an independent contractor, temporary total disability and permanent partial disability, workers compensation payments, unemployment conpensation, disability, annuity and retirement benefits and any other payments made by any payor.
5)	Excluded Income	Shall not include any earnings derived from overtime work unless the court after considering all overtime earning derived in the preceding 24 month period determines the over time earnings can reasonably be expected to continue on a consistent basis.
		Means tested sources of income are excluded
6)	Direct Income Withholding for Unemployment Compensation,	Yes

	include address	
7)	Direct Income for Workers' Compensation, include address	Yes
8)	Direct Income Withholding, other income sources subject to, include address	None
9)	Direct Income Withholding, list Other Income Sources NOT subject to	None
10)	Federal Withholding (See Federal Pay Agents Section)	IV-D Directors need not answer this question.
11)	Procedures for Contesting Income Withholding	Petition to Stay
12)	Arrearages through Income Withholding	Yes
13)	Enforcing Against Non- Resident Obligor Asset/Income	Yes
14)	Exception to Immediate Withholding	Yes if good cause is determined by the court
15)	Multiple Obligations Withholding Priorities	
	• Policy	Specific instructions to the payor are provided to deal with multiple orders on the same person. If the payor has received more than one income withholding order from the clerk he may combine all withheld amounts into a single payment in which case he shall separately identify the amount which is to be credited to each obligor
	• Priority	Child support garnishment priority over civil garnishment
	• Assistance	Instructions on income withholding order provided to employer
	• Allocation	First to current; then to AFDC arrears; then to Non-AFDC arrears

### **D. PATERNITY**

1)	Interstate Paternity Procedures	Yes
	<b>Consent Orders Obtained</b>	Yes by stipulation
2)	Uniform Parentage Act	Yes. W.S. 14-2-101 et seq.
3)	<b>Uniform Act on Blood Testing</b>	No

4)	Parentage Order Available Without Order for Support	Yes
5)	Custody/Visitation Addressed Subject to Tribunal's Jurisdiction	No
6)	Genetic Test Results as Presumption of Paternity	Yes
	Threshold	97%
7)	Paternity Acknowledgment as Presumption of Paternity (Rebuttable/Conclusive)	Irrebuttably presumed
8)	Marriage as Presumption of Paternity	Yes
9)	Putative Father's Name on Birth Certificate, Effect of	Only if the putative father has signed a voluntary acknowledgment (affidavit of paternity and not withdrawn within 90 days). The effect is to create an irrebuttable presumption of paternity
10)	Other Statutory Presumptions	All presumptions are tied to marriage, except a presumption is created is the child is under the age of majority and the father receives him into the fathers home and openly holds him out as his own.
11)	Recognition of Common Law Marriage	No, but will recognize another states recognition of common law
12)	Personal Appearance of Witness or Custodial Parent Required	Yes
	Acceptable Methods of Testimony	Personal, telephonic, affidavit
13)	Long-Arm Statute	Yes, Uifsa
14)	Assistance to Other States Using Their Long-Arm Statutes	Yes
	Service of Process	Yes
	Genetic Testing	Yes
15)	Recovery of Genetic Testing Costs for Other States	Yes

### E. SUPPORT ORDER ESTABLISHMENT

1)	Interstate Procedures	Yes
2)	Income Considered for Setting Support	Yes. Statutes require both parties income be used to determine support under income shares guidelines
3)	Criteria for Rebuttal	Yes. Deviation Statutes
		W.S. 20-6-302
4)	Support Order for Prior Periods	Child support is deemed effective at birth. Court limits arrearages to assigned support unless the NCP has been avoiding the establishment process or does not appear as ordered, or agrees otherwise.

#### F. ENFORCEMENT

(Note: If multiple orders, see Part "G")

#### I. ENFORCING YOUR OWN ORDER

1)	Enforcement for Non-Resident Family	Same as for Resident Family
2)	Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available	No
3)	Judicial Procedures and Remedies Available with Registration	Yes

#### II. ENFORCING OTHER STATES' ORDERS

4)	Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available Without Registration	None
5)	Judicial/Administrative Remedies with Registration	All enforcement procedures are available with Registration for Enforcement.
6)	UIFSA/URESA Registration and Enforcement Procedure	Orders can be registered under UIFSA for either enforcement or modification and enforcement
7)	Judicial Procedures Required after Registration	Order confirming registration optional, additional pleadings filed simultaneously.
8)	Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act Citation	W.S. 1-17-703

#### G. MODIFICATION/REVIEW & ADJUSTMENT OF ORDERS

1)	Jurisdiction Requirements	CEJ
2)	<b>Modification Procedures</b>	Yes
3)	Criteria for Modification	20% change in the amount of current support or a substantial change of circumstances if child support is set in a property settlement agreement.
4)	Criteria for Change of Circumstances	Any change considered "substantial" by the court
5)	Frequency With Which Reviews are Conducted	Every three years by the IV-D program. Private action can take place every six months
6)	Criteria for Review	34 months without a review or modification
7)	Criteria for Adjustment	20% change in the amount of current support or a substantial change in circumstances

### H. MULTIPLE ORDERS

#### ENFORCEMENT AND MODIFICATION

1)	Controlling Order	State with CEJ has controlling order
2)	Date of Controlling Order	Date of the order issued by the state with CEJ
3)	If No Controlling Order	Establish order and become state with CEJ
4)	Arrears Procedure	Determination of arrears is based upon state with CEJ and all prior orders

## I. Documentation Required to Initiate Requests

ACTION REQUESTED	DOCUMENTS NEEDED	# of Copies of each docu- ment	Certification required for each document *See below
Establishment of Paternity and Support	Paternity Affidavit; Petition, General Testimony and interstate transmittal	3	A
Enforcement of Responding State's Order	Transmittal, certified copy of order, certified copy of payrecord	3	
Modification of Responding States' Orders	Full transmittal, certified copy of underlying order, notorized financial affidavit, and certified payrecord	3	A
Administrative Enforcement of Another States' Order	Not available		
Registration for Enforcement of Another States' Order	Transmittal, certified copy of order, certified pay records	3	
Collection of Arrearages in Multiple Orders	Determination of controlling order, all orders and arrears calculation, transmittal, certified pay record; affidavit of arrears	3	
Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act	Certified copy of foreign judgment(s), Transmittal, affidavit setting for the last known mailing address of the judgment debtor and judgment creditor	1	
Modification of Another State's Order	Full transmittal, certified copy of order; if appropriate ,statement from custodial parent acknowledging CEJ is in another state but consenting to CEJ in this state, financial affidavit; determination of arrears, affidavit of arrears, certified copy of pay record.	3	A
Status Update on an Existing Interstate Case	Transmittal or status update request	1	
Assistance/Discovery	Request for discoverable information and preferred method of discovery	1	
Quick Locate	Quick locate request or CSENET quick locate request	1	

<sup>\*</sup>A = Notarization by Notary Public; B = Certification by signature of agency official;

C= Certification by signature of court official; D= Others (please specify);

**E**= Certification not required

### J. State Contact Chart

ASSISTANCE NEEDED	CONTACT
	Name, Title, Address, Phone, Fax, E-mail (include 800 if applicable)
State Information Agent	Central Registry; Dept. of Family Services, Child Support Enforcement Section, Hathaway Building, Room 385, Cheyenne, WY 82002-0490; (307) 777-6948; (307) 777-3693; no E-mail; no 800 number.
Central Registry	Central Registry; Dept. of Family Services, Child Support Enforcement Section, Hathaway Building, Room 385, Cheyenne, WY 82002-0490; (307) 777-6948; (307) 777-3693; no E-mail; no 800 number.
Interstate Policy Contact (if different)	Central Registry; Dept. of Family Services, Child Support Enforcement Section, Hathaway Building, Room 385, Cheyenne, WY 82002-0490; (307) 777-6948; (307) 777-3693; no E-mail; no 800 number.
Contact for Information Regarding Your States Long Arm Statute and Process	Wyoming Attorney General, 123 State Capitol, 200 W. 24th, Cheyenne, WY 82002. (307) 777-7841; (307) 777-6869; no Email; no 800 number.
Contact for Information Regarding Collection and Distribution (State level)	Central Registry; Dept. of Family Services, Child Support Enforcement Section, Hathaway Building, Room 385, Cheyenne, WY 82002-0490; (307) 777-6948; (307) 777-3693; no E-mail; no 800 number.
Contact to Obtain Payment Records	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT - 8/13/96
	COUNTY, NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, ST, ZIP, PHONE, FAX
	Albany, G.E. Overman, 525 Grand Ave., Rm. 305, Laramie, WY, 82070, (307) 721-2508, (307) 721-2500
	Big Horn, Donette Martin, 420 W. C St., Basin, WY, 82410, (307) 568-2381, (307) 568-2791
	Campbell, Louise Bundy, 500 S. Gillette, P.O. Box 817, Gillette, WW, 82717, (307) 682-3424, (307)687-6209
	Carbon, Lindy Smith, 4015 W. Pine Suite 203, Rawlins, WY, 82301, (307) 328-2625, (307) 328-2629
	Converse, Jo Winters, 107 N. 5th, P.O Box 189, Douglas, WY, 82633, (307) 358-3165, (307) 358-6703
	Crook, Tina Wood, 309 Cleveland, P.O Box 904, Sundance, WY, 82729, (307) 283-2523, (307) 283-2990
	Fremont, Katie Heil, 450 N 2nd St, P.O Box 370., Lander,

	WY, 82520, (307) 332-1134, (307) 332-1132	
	Goshen, Virginia Knispel, 2125 E. 8th St., Torrington, WY, 82240, (307) 532-2155, (307) 532-8608	
	Hot Springs, Linda Harris, 415 Arapahoe, Thermopolis, WY, 82443, (307) 864-3323, (307) 864-5116	
	Johnson, Thelma Axberg, 76 North Main, Buffalo, WY, 82834, (307) 684-7271, (307) 684-2708	
	Laramie, Gerrie Bishop, 1902 Carey, P.O. Box 787, Cheyenne, WY, 82003, (307) 633-4215, (307) 633-4277	
	Lincoln, Ken Roberts, 925 Sage, P.O. Box 510, Kemmerer, WY, 83101, (307) 877-9056, (307) 877-6263	
	Natrona, Sue Pate, 200 N. Cente, P.O. Box 3120r, Casper, WY, 82601, (307) 235-9250, (307) 235-9493	
	Niobrara, Linda Fosher, 424 S. Elm St., Lusk, WY, 82225, (307) 334-2736, (307) 334-2703	
	Park, Joyce Boyer, 1002 Sheridan, P.O. Box 1960, Cody, WY, 82414, (307) 587-2204, (307) 587-6927	
	Platte, Susan Artery, 800 9th St., P.O. Box 158, Wheatland, WY, 82201, (307) 322-3857, (307) 322-5402	
	Sheridan, Doree Kobold, 224 S Main Suite B11, Sheridan, WY, 82801, (307) 674-2960, (307) 674-2909	
	Sublette, Marilyn Jensen, 21 S. Tyler, Pinedale, WY, 82941, (307) 367-4376, (307) 367-6375	
	Sweetwater, Nonie Stacey, 80 W Flaming Gorge, P.O. Box 430, Green River, WY, 82935, (307) 872-6448, (307) 872-6439	
	Uinta, C. Elaine Phillips, 225 9th St., P.O. Box 1906, Evanston, WY, 82930, (307) 789-1780, (307) 783-0400	
	Washakie, SuZann Whitlock, P.O. Box 862, Worland, WY, 82401, (307) 347-4821, (307) 347-9366	
	Weston, Leona Cool, 1 West Main St., Newcastle, WY, 82701, (307) 746-4778, (307) 746-9505	
Contact to Obtain Copy of Order	See above list (Clerk of District Court - 5/24/96).	
Contact for States Using Their Long Arm Statutes or Continuing Exclusive Jurisdiction (no "case" in your State) for	Central Registry; Dept. of Family Services, Child Support Enforcement Section, Hathaway Building, Room 385, Cheyenne, WY 82002-0490; (307) 777-6948; (307) 777-3693; no E-mail; no 800 number.	
Service of Process	Provided only when we initiate action on other state's behalf.	
(private process server? If so , list)		
Genetic Testing	Provided only when we initiate action on other state's behalf.	

( e.g. assistance with interstate	
teleconferencing)	
New Hire Reporting Contact	N/A
Employer Assistance Contact	Central Registry; Dept. of Family Services, Child Support Enforcement Section, Hathaway Building, Room 385, Cheyenne, WY 82002-0490; (307) 777-6948; (307) 777-3693; no E-mail; no 800 number.
Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <i>Status</i> Requests (if any)	None
Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <i>Payment</i> Requests  (if any)	None
Privatization Contact	Wyoming IV-D Director (307) 777-6948